

House Resolution No. 459

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize Show-Me State married couples who have worked cooperatively with youths involved in the Boy Scouts of America program; and

Whereas, John Cole, in partnership with his beloved wife, Bernadine, has been an active Boy Scout leader for more than forty-five years, earned the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award, and during the 1960s and 1970s served as Scoutmaster of Troop 83, the second oldest troop in the Ozark Trails Council and one of the oldest continuously chartered troops west of the Mississippi River; and

Whereas, John Cole is currently serving as the Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 83 and its sponsor for the past seventy-seven years, First Presbyterian Church of Rolla; and

Whereas, with Bernadine faithfully at his side, John Cole instituted the active camping program in Troop 83 that continues to this day, the Order of Siam to denote Scouts from Troop 83 who have attended Camp Arrowhead summer sessions, and the design of the Troop 83 neckerchief which has been in use since 1965; and

Whereas, by exemplifying all of Scouting's virtues, John and Bernadine Cole have attained distinction as an inspiration to hundreds of youth and adult Scouts such as Glen Matlock, former Scoutmaster of Troop 83; and

Whereas, John Cole was instrumental in developing Taum Sauk Trail in the late 1950s, and held the position of Troop 83 Scoutmaster when the ever-popular Blossom Rock Trail at Lane Springs Park was established as an Eagle Scout project; and

Whereas, John Cole has been enthusiastically supported and encouraged in all of his Boy Scout endeavors by Bernadine who truly appreciates the values and ideas which Scouting bestows upon each generation of youthful participants:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of service so freely given by John and Bernadine Cole to the Boy Scouts of America, its Ozark Trails Council, and Troop 83, and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon John's well-deserved selection for the James E. West Award which will be presented to him during Scout Sunday on February 23, 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John and Bernadine Cole, as an expression of our respect and esteem for them and their longtime work with Boy Scouts.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob May
District No. 149

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 459, adopted February 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker